

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Image forming apparatus is equipped with a memory for storing additional images and an area discriminating unit
5 for discriminating areas included in document images. The area discriminating unit discriminates text areas included in a document image based on the cyclicity of the density distribution of the document image. An additional image stored in the memory is synthesized into a discriminated text
10 area. On the other hand, no additional image is synthesized into graphic areas and photograph areas. Images obtained as a result of the syntheses of document images and additional images are printed out on paper.